

from the affected units. She opened her home to children of commanders working on the recovery effort, relieving them to focus on obligations to their units.

Sarah's impact in the local community was no less remarkable. She was active in the Mount Spurr Elementary School PTA and Anchorage Faith and Family Church. Pastors Brant and Tamara Barker, founders of the church, have travelled from Alaska to Washington to celebrate Sarah's significant accomplishment.

Those who know Sarah best say she is a source of encouragement for all she meets. Her listening ears, compassionate words, and acts of kindness bring others support and hope.

The Air Force Spouse of the Year award is named after the late Joan Orr, wife of former Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr. Mrs. Orr was a rare, inspirational leader who would accompany her husband on visits to bases, meeting with families and visiting community support facilities. During the Christmas holiday, the Orrs traveled to remote bases in my home State of Alaska to visit servicemembers who were separated from their families. Mrs. Orr had a passion for teaching dance. Even as she struggled with the debilitating effects of Lou Gehrig's disease, she never cancelled a dance class. From a wheelchair and using a writing slate when her voice failed, she taught up to 2 weeks before her death. Sarah, like Joan, realized she had something to give and the willingness in her heart to give it.

I offer warm congratulations to Sarah on her selection as the 2011 Air Force Spouse of the Year and wish her and her family a bright future.●

TRIBUTE TO PHILIP RUSH HALEY

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I honor an American patriot and a constituent of mine, Philip Rush Haley of Denham Springs, LA. Phil grew up in Baton Rouge, LA and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in 1939 at age 18.

While stationed in Manila, Philippine Islands, Mr. Haley served as a guard outside the office of Admiral Hart, Commander in Chief of the Asiatic Fleet. After Admiral Hart left the Philippines, Mr. Haley relocated to Corregidor and was placed under the command of LTG Jonathan Wainwright. The American forces surrendered to the Japanese in 1942, and it was at this time Mr. Haley became a prisoner of war.

The State Times in Baton Rouge wrote an article entitled "Local Marine Declared Missing in Action." Most in his family thought Phil Haley was dead, but his mother maintained that Phil's strength and resilience would keep him alive. Nearly 1 year later, the Haley family received word that Phil was indeed alive at Mukden, a Japanese POW camp located in Manchuria, China.

Phil would be in the camp for 3½ years before the war ended and he was

liberated by the Russians. His positive attitude and perseverance, as his mother predicted, did indeed keep him alive.

Phil is still persevering. He understands the importance of service, and the Marine motto always faithful. Many consider him to be a patriarch and a well-respected leader in his church. He is constantly serving others in his community through his active involvement in First Baptist Church of Denham Springs. Phil is an ordained deacon, a member of the building committee, and a member of the "Helping Hands" team.

On this special day we will all look back and see the hallmarks of a life well lived. His quiet determination, unyielding kindness, and unyielding spirit have made him a pillar not only of a proud and loving family, but to all who have come to know him. Beneath a humble exterior lies a generous and kind soul. He is beloved not for a litany of accomplishments, but simply for who he is.

Tom Brokaw, in his book "The Greatest Generation," notes that their sacrifices made possible the many comforts and conveniences we enjoy today. It is my honor to pay tribute to this great American. He, like so many today, went into harm's way and sacrificed so much so that we can experience our liberties today. I am humbled to have the opportunity to express my appreciation for Mr. Philip Rush Haley's service to our country, and wish him all the best in years to come.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3304. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Editorial Correction to the Export Administration Regulations" (RIN0694-AE90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3305. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Model A109A and A109AH Helicopters" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0861) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3306. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company (GE) CF6-45 Series and CF6-50 Series Turbofan Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0998) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3307. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truck Safety Standards; Concrete Cross-ties" (RIN2130-AC35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3308. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Procedures for Protests and Contract Disputes" (RIN2120-AJ82) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0840) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3309. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Agusta S.p.A. Model A109A, A109A II, A109C, and A109K2 Helicopters" (RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0823) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3310. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Area Navigation Route Q-37; Texas" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0867) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3311. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hawaiian Islands, HI" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0754) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3312. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Copperhill, TN" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0402) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3313. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Forest, VA" (RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2011-0378) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS for the Committee on Finance.

*Janice Eberly, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

*Maurice B. Foley, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

*Juan F. Vasquez, of Texas, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

*Joseph H. Gale, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts:

S. 1579. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide that the basic allowance for housing in effect for a member of the National Guard is not reduced when the member transitions between active duty and full-time National Guard duty without a break in active service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 1580. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to extend an exemption from certain requirements of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to protect public health and safety; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. McCASKILL:

S. 1581. A bill to improve the importer of record program and the collection of fees and duties in connection with the importation of merchandise into the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 1582. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 1583. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax deduction for the purchase, construction, and installation of a safe room or storm shelter, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 1584. A bill to provide for additional quality control of drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 1585. A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 272. A resolution designating November 1, 2011, as "National Jobs Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 273. A resolution congratulating the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team on their performance in the Junior League Softball World Series; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 20

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 20, a bill to protect American job creation by striking the job-killing Federal employer mandate.

S. 102

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 102, a bill to provide an optional fast-track procedure the President may use when submitting rescission requests, and for other purposes.

S. 170

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to provide for the affordable refinancing of mortgages held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

S. 296

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide the Food and Drug Administration with improved capacity to prevent drug shortages.

S. 366

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 366, a bill to require disclosure to the Securities and Exchange Commission of certain sanctionable activities, and for other purposes.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs.

S. 466

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 466, a bill to provide for the restoration of legal rights for claimants under Holocaust-era insurance policies.

S. 534

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 534, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain small producers.

S. 570

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 570, a bill to prohibit the Department of Justice from tracking and cataloguing the purchases of multiple rifles and shotguns.

S. 633

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to prevent fraud in small business contracting, and for other purposes.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to revise and extend provisions under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

S. 965

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 965, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for the costs of certain infertility treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 1048

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1048, a bill to expand sanctions imposed with respect to the Islamic Republic of Iran, North Korea, and Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 1167

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1167, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, and for other purposes.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2012 to 2015 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in person, and for other purposes.

S. 1324

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1324, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 1392

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor